(c) and (d) The following measures have been taken by CIL to ensure purity of coal:

(i) Adherence to the envisaged mining sequence laid out in the mining method itself.

(ii) Picking of oversize stones/boulders, extraneous material.

(iii) Size reduction in coal handling plants/crushing machines thereby segregating different size fractions and eliminating the impurities of higher density.

(iv) Adopting proper blasting procedure/technique for reducing the possibility of admixture of coal with over burden materials.

(v) Washing/up-gradation of coal in coal beneficiation plants thereby reducing the ash content in beneficiated coal and also facilitating setting up of washeries in the private sector.

(vi) Adoption of surface miner for winning of coal to facilitate selective mining.

Approval of Publishers

*572. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'BAHARI'S PUBLICATIONS' of Central Civil Service Rules and Fundamental Rules and Supplementary Rules, handbook have been approved by the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether there is any discrepancy in publications of above rules by BAHARI'S PUBLICATIONS and Muthuswamy's compilation of above rules; and (c)

(c) is so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir. There is no system of approving any publication by the Central Government. Therefore, Bahari's Publications' Central Civil Service Rules, Fundamental Rules & Supplementary Rules has also not been approved by the Central Government.

(b) The Central Government does not go into discrepancies in publications brought out by two different private publications.

(c) Do not arise.

Militants Killed in Assam

*573. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of militants of secessionist outfits killed or apprehended by the security personnel in Assam during the last two years;

(b) whether it is true that Indo-Bhutan border is completely unguarded; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) According to available reports, 629 militants were killed and 382 militants were arrested in Assam during the last two years upto 31.3.2003. Year wise details are as follows:

Year	No. of Militants killed	No. of Militants arrested
2001	282	173
2002	308	143
2003 (upto 31.3.2003)	39	66

*(b) and (c) The Government has decided in principle to deploy a Border Guarding Force for guarding the Indo-Bhutan border and to curb the movement of Indian Insurgent Groups using Bhutan as a base/ sanctuary.

MIG Crashes

574. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MIG aircrafts crashed during the last three years;

(b) the time when these accidents occurred alongwith the loss suffered in each of the incident;

(c) the steps taken by Government to avoid these accidents;